



# FORWARD FLAG

A DIVISION OF STRAIGHT SCOOP FOR VETS AND FRIENDS

As of November 26, 2019



OUR MISSION:  
VETERAN SUICIDE PREVENTION

# Preventive Measures

Free Online Training for everyone that wants it.



**It takes the courage and strength of a warrior to ask for help**  
**If you or someone you know is in an emotional crisis**  
**call 1-800-273-TALK Press 1 for Veterans**

   Department of Veterans Affairs



**22 Veteran Suicides Per Day = 1 Every 1 Hour & 5 Minutes**

**LEARN HOW TO HELP DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!**

**FREE ONLINE TRAINING AT:**  
[www.qprtraining.com/setup.php](http://www.qprtraining.com/setup.php)  
Enter Organizational Code: VETS  
For more information: [www.strightscoopforvets@gmail.com](mailto:www.strightscoopforvets@gmail.com)

# What services are provided



# Training

The following categories of trainings are provided at no charge

- Law Enforcement QPR with Triage Training – 8 hours toward recertification in New Mexico and Tennessee
- Veteran Specific QPR including Warrior Psychology and Social Networking Theory with additional CALM module. 3.5 CEU's for Social Workers, psychologist, CPSW's
- School Clinicians and Health Care Professionals 3.5 hours CEU QPR Course
- Any of the additional courses listed on the QPR Institute Website can be taught by certain members of our staff.
- Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST)
- Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP-Including Veteran Edition)
- Mental Health First Aid
- QPR Gatekeeper Training



# Rural Outreach Services

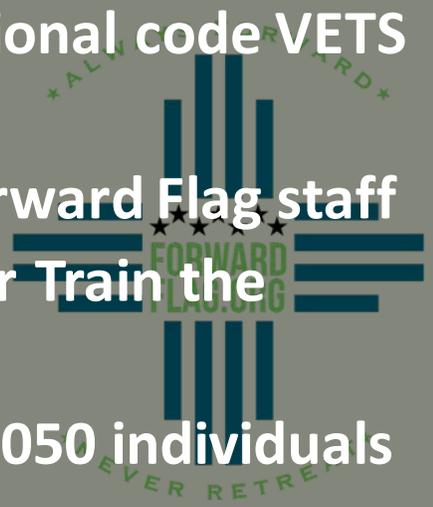
- Help with employment issues, resumes, connection with Work Force Solution, Transportation
- Housing
- Legal Issues
- Financial Counseling
- Enrolling in VA Benefits through utilization of E Benefits
- Assistance with assembling all documents for a surviving widow or family member
- Mentor program for veterans involved in justice system



# The Bunkers

1. The Bunker is a 27 foot travel trailer, wrapped and converted inside to function as a mobile Veteran Drop-In Center.
1. Is deployed to rural New Mexico villages for periods of up to 4 days at a time to provide services which are also available in Albuquerque office. But due to the distance from any VA or state Veteran Service makes it hard for veterans or families to just ask questions or receive help with issues.
3. Deployed to local festivals, fiestas, and special events throughout New Mexico as requested by local organizers or identified by Outreach Coordinator.
3. Participate in multiple events on the Navajo Nation, as requested by the Nation.





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- 8 QPR Gatekeepers training; 1 in-person and 7 virtually delivered
- Total of 82 individuals completed QPR Gatekeeper training provided by Forward Flag staff
- Worked with QPR Institute to develop a virtual version for QPR Gatekeeper Train the Trainer that we are launching the first week of October
- During Bunker Deployments/Outreach events our team spoke with over 1,050 individuals across the state
- Our Albuquerque Wellness center has been visited over 1,030 times by veterans, their family members & friends
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# New outreach vehicle

Our new 41 foot Bluebird motor home was donated by a veterans family to reach more veterans.



# Our Fixed Location

Forward Flag.org

2100 Aztec Rd. NE

Albuquerque, NM 87107

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# Activities for Veterans



- 1. Service Dog Training
- 2. Archery Lessons
- 3. Creative Art Lessons
- 4. Yoga
- 6. Gym Equipment
- 7. Equine Therapy
- 8. Seasonal Gardening
- 9. Fly fishing
- 10. SMART Recovery
- 11. Free Barber services
- 12. Football nights
- 13. Dog leash project
- 14. Foosball
- 15. Ping Pong
- 16. Cross Fit Training
- 17. Veteran Benefits Services
- 18. Music/Instrument Lessons
- 19. Community Outreach

# At “The Flag”

- Forward Flag provides local, consistent, and inclusive opportunities for veterans to connect through physical and social activity.
- We host regular activities, social gatherings and community service events, and facilitate building strong local connections with members and organizations within the community.



# Service Providers/Community Partners



- Veterans who have been trained as Certified Peer Support Workers
- Family members of veteran's who are trained in QPR Suicide Gatekeeper Training
- In House Legal Counsel and Financial Counseling
- CPSW's from VA who holds group and drop in group for veterans (Veteran Court Participants)
- Veterans Justice Outreach Coordinator (LISW)
- Veterans who volunteer and serve as Veteran Treatment Court Mentors
- Warrior Canine Connection / Assistance Dogs of the West
- Full Battle Rattle
- Disabled American Veterans
- Addicts to Athletes
- ASPARA Balanced Health
- Southwest Horse Power
- Healing Americas Heroes
- True Rest Spa
- Cardboard Playhouse
- Albuquerque Bio Park
- Giddens and Gatton Law



# How are Service Providers trained



- Veteran CPSW's are trained in a 40 hour program administered by the Behavioral Health Services Division, Office of Peer Support and Engagement.
- All trainers complete Train the Trainer of Facilitator courses for all curriculum taught
- Mentors are trained by the Justice for Veterans Mentor Boot Camp program that is conducted each year at the NADCP
- Mentors who have not been trained in Boot Camp are trained bi-monthly by the mentor Coordinator and other professional personnel

# Supervision

- All CPSW's are supervised by both the Office of Peer Support and Recovery and LISW's
- All QPR Trainers are supervised by Roger Pipkins, Advanced Clinical Trainer for QPR Institute.
- VA Staff is supervised by both a Psychologist and LISW
- Veteran Court Mentors are supervised by the Mentor Coordinator who is supervised by the Veteran Justice Outreach Coordinator



# Support

- QPR Institute, Spokane Washington
- Rocky Mountain MIRECC
- NM Office of Peer Support and Recovery
- The Life Link of Santa Fe
- NM Department of Behavioral Health Services



# Schedule



\*\* Weather may impact activities; call for clarification

Also available during hours of operation Monday to Friday 9:00 – 16:30, Monday, Wednesday, & Friday 17:00 to 21:00

- Gym equipment available for use to any veteran and the friends and family members of veterans
- Wi-Fi and laptops
- Ping pong, foosball & cornhole
- Board Games
- Dish Network Television including Sports Package
- Certified Peer Support Worker

If you have any questions or need further information please feel free to call us, 505-933-0549

Updated Schedule can be found at:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1j1EuKOK5mYRfZZ8YaulliQVvy9O-JvQUc/view?usp=sharing>